

This is a pre-study to develop an assessment of the current urban situation with regard to the feasibility of relating civil defense readiness measures to the changing urban environment in the field of urban planning, development and renewal.

A literature search and interviews with urban knowledgeable revealed that in the face of such problems as housing, transportation, medical and health care, etc., little attention is given to emergency preparedness. The report points out that the interrelationships among problem public sectors are involved in planning. The urban specialist, the practitioner, is discussed in terms of his role and some of the obstacles he encounters in attempting to plan for and meet urban needs.

Considering the defense of the population and its property in the event of an emergency, disaster or attack as an urban problem and an urban need, the report indicates some ways civil defense readiness might be related to urban planning efforts. To develop linkages the feasibility and desirability of viable relationships should be acknowledged and sanctioned at the highest levels and the specific linkages should be jointly determined by cooperating agencies. These could be developed for urban planning education, and organizations of public officials; within the Federal Agencies, a "civil defense check list" for Federally assisted construction, relationships with various Disaster Relief Act Programs, and the PHS Division of Emergency Health Services are discussed.